IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended)   An information processing apparatus, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

presenting means for~~that~~ presenting~~s~~ a plurality of program attribute names comprising~~constituting~~ program attribute information concerning attributes of a program;

accepting means for~~that~~ accepting~~s~~ a selection of the program attribute information by a user based on the presented program attribute names ~~presented by the presenting means~~;

storing means for~~that~~ storing~~es~~ the accepted selection of program attribute information ~~for which selection is accepted by the accepting means~~;

first acquiring means for~~that~~ acquiring~~es~~ broadcast program information concerning a program to be broadcast;

second acquiring means for~~that~~ acquiring~~es~~ retrieval conditions for retrieving a program comprising~~constituting~~ the stored program attribute information ~~stored in the storing means~~;

comparing means for~~that~~ comparing~~es~~ the acquired broadcast program information ~~acquired by the first acquiring means~~ and the acquired retrieval conditions ~~acquired by the second acquiring means~~; and

reserving means for reserving recording of a program that corresponds to the acquired broadcast program information~~that~~, when the acquired broadcast program information ~~acquired by the first acquiring means~~ satisfies the acquired retrieval conditions ~~acquired by the second acquiring means on the basis of a result of the comparison by the comparing means, reserves recording of a program that corresponds to the broadcast program information acquired by the first acquiring means~~.

2. (Currently amended)   An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~

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~~presenting means presents~~wherein the program attribute names include~~ing~~ at least one of foreign film, soap opera, rebroadcast drama, baseball, soccer, midnight vaudeville, melodramatic Japanese popular song, classical music, news, cooking, hot spring, or go/shogi~~, or the like as the program attribute names~~.

3. (Currently amended)   An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the second acquiring means acquires, as the retrieval conditions,~~wherein the retrieval conditions include~~ing~~ at least one of a genre of a program, a day of week on which the program is broadcast, a time frame in which the program is broadcast, a length of the program, ~~-~~a keyword included in a title of the program or in detailed information introducing contents of the program, or an escape keyword that is excluded from the title of the program or from the detailed information introducing contents of the program.

4. (Currently amended)   An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized by~~ further comprising: receiving means ~~that~~for receiv~~es~~ing the program attribute information including the program attribute names and the retrieval conditions from another information processing apparatus via a network, wherein ~~and in that~~
the presenting means presents the program attribute names included in the program attribute information received by the receiving means.

5. (Currently amended)   An information processing method, ~~for an information processing apparatus, characterized by~~ comprising:

~~a presenting step of~~ presenting a plurality of program attribute names comprising~~constituting~~ program attribute information concerning attributes of a program;

~~an accepting step of~~ accepting a selection of the program attribute information by a user based on the presented program attribute names ~~presented by processing in the presenting step~~;

~~a storage control step of controlling storage of~~ storing the accepted selection of program attribute information ~~for which selection is accepted by processing in the accepting step~~;

~~a first acquiring step of~~ acquiring broadcast program information concerning a program to be broadcast;

~~a second acquiring step of~~ acquiring retrieval conditions for retrieving a program comprising~~constituting~~ the stored program attribute information ~~for which storage is controlled by processing in the storage control step~~;

~~a comparing step of~~ comparing the acquired broadcast program information ~~acquired by processing in the first acquiring step~~ and the acquired retrieval conditions ~~acquired by processing in the second acquiring step~~; and

~~a reserving step of, when the broadcast program information acquired by the processing in the first acquiring step satisfies the retrieval conditions acquired by the processing in the second acquiring step~~ ~~on the basis of a result of the comparison by the processing in the comparing step,~~ reserving recording of a program that corresponds to the acquired broadcast program information when the acquired broadcast program information satisfies the acquired retrieval conditions ~~acquired by the processing in the first acquiring step~~.

6. (Currently amended)   A recording medium ~~having~~ recorded with ~~therein~~ a computer readable program for making a computer execute a method of processing information~~an~~

~~information processing apparatus, the program characterized by~~, the method comprising:

~~a presenting step of~~ presenting a plurality of program attribute names comprising~~constituting~~ program attribute information concerning attributes of a program;

~~an accepting step of~~ accepting a selection of the program attribute information by a user based on the presented program attribute names ~~presented by processing in the presenting step~~;

~~a storage control step of controlling storage of~~storing the accepted selection of program attribute information ~~for which selection is accepted by processing in the accepting step~~;

~~a first acquiring step of~~ acquiring broadcast program information concerning a program to be broadcast;

~~a second acquiring step of~~ acquiring retrieval conditions for retrieving a program comprising~~constituting~~ the stored program attribute information ~~for which storage is controlled by processing in the storage control step~~;

~~a comparing step of~~ comparing the acquired broadcast program information ~~acquired by processing in the first acquiring step~~ and the acquired retrieval conditions ~~acquired by processing in the second acquiring step~~; and

~~a reserving step of, when the broadcast program information acquired by the processing in the first acquiring step satisfies the retrieval conditions acquired by the processing in the second acquiring step on the basis of a result of the comparison by the processing in the comparing step,~~ reserving recording of a program that corresponds to the acquired broadcast program information when the acquired broadcast program information satisfies the acquired retrieval conditions ~~acquired by the processing in the first acquiring step~~.

7. (Currently amended) A system for processing information~~computer excutable program for controlling an~~

~~information processing apparatus, characterized by causing a computer to execute:~~, the system comprising:

a processor operable to execute instructions; and

instructions for causing the processor to execute an information processing method, the method comprising:

~~a presenting step of~~ presenting a plurality of program attribute names comprising~~constituting~~ program attribute information concerning attributes of a program;

~~an accepting step of~~ accepting a selection of the program attribute information by a user based on the presented program attribute names ~~presented by processing in the presenting step~~;

~~a storage control step of controlling storage of the~~storing the accepted selection of program attribute information ~~for which selection is accepted by processing in the accepting step~~;

~~a first acquiring step of~~ acquiring broadcast program information concerning a program to be broadcast;

~~a second acquiring step of~~ acquiring retrieval conditions for retrieving a program comprising~~constituting~~ the stored program attribute information ~~for which storage is controlled by processing in the storage control step~~;

~~a comparing step of~~ comparing the acquired broadcast program information ~~acquired by processing in the .first acquiring step~~ and the acquired retrieval conditions ~~acquired by processing in the second acquiring step~~; and

~~a reserving step of, when the broadcast program information acquired by the processing in the first acquiring step satisfies the retrieval conditions acquired by the processing in the second acquiring step~~on the basis of a result of the comparison ~~by the processing in the comparing step,~~ reserving recording of a program that corresponds to the acquired broadcast program information when the acquired broadcast program information satisfies the acquired retrieval conditions ~~acquired by the processing in the first acquiring step~~.

8. (Currently amended)   An information processing apparatus, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

accepting means for~~that~~ accepting~~s~~ an access request from another information processing apparatus via a network;

receiving means for~~that~~ receiving~~es,~~ from the another information processing apparatus ~~for which the access request is accepted by the accepting means,~~ a transfer request for transfer of program attribute information concerning attributes of a program to be reserved for recording, ~~that is~~the program attribute information being used when a user of the another information processing apparatus selects the program to be reserved for recording; and

transmitting means for ~~that, when the request is received by the receiving means,~~ transmitting~~s~~ the program attribute information ~~including program attribute names and retrieval conditions for retrieving a program~~ to the another information processing apparatus via the network ~~accepted by the accepting means~~, the program attribute information including program attribute names and retrieval conditions for retrieving a program.

9. (Currently amended)   An information processing apparatus according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that the transmitting means transmits~~wherein the program attribute names include~~ing~~ at least one of a foreign film, soap opera, rebroadcast drama, baseball, soccer, midnight vaudeville, melodramatic Japanese popular song, classical music, news, cooking, hot spring, or go/shogi~~, or the like as the program attribute names~~.

10. (Currently amended)   An information processing apparatus according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that the~~

~~transmitting means transmits, as the retrieval~~

~~conditions,~~wherein the ~~–~~retrieval conditions includ~~e~~ing at least

one of a genre of a program, a day of week on which the program

is broadcast, a time frame in which the program is broadcast, a

length of the program, a keyword included in a title of the

program or in detailed information introducing contents of the

program, or an escape keyword that is excluded from the title of

the program or from the detailed information introducing

contents of the program.

    11. (Currently amended) An information processing method,

~~for an information processing apparatus, characterized by~~

comprising:

    ~~an accepting step of~~ accepting an access request from

another information processing apparatus via a network;

    ~~a receiving step of~~ receiving~~,~~ from the another information

processing apparatus ~~for which the access is accepted by~~

~~processing in the accepting step,~~ a transfer request for

transfer of program attribute information concerning attributes

of a program to be reserved for recording, the program attribute

information being ~~that is~~ used when a user of the another

information processing apparatus selects the program to be

reserved for recording; and

    ~~a transmitting step of, when~~the request is received by

~~processing in the receiving step,~~ transmitting the program

attribute information ~~including program attribute names and~~

~~retrieval conditions for retrieving a program,~~ to the another

information processing apparatus via the network ~~accepted by~~

~~processing in the accepting step~~, the program attribute

information including program attribute names and retrieval

conditions for retrieving a program.

12. (Currently amended) A recording medium recorded with ~~having record therein~~ a computer readable program for making a computer execute a method of processing information~~an information processing apparatus, the program characterized by~~, the method comprising:

~~an accepting step of~~ accepting an access request from another information processing apparatus via a network;

~~a receiving step of~~ receiving, from the another information processing apparatus ~~for which the access is accepted~~~~by processing in the accepting step,~~ a transfer request for transfer of program attribute information concerning attributes of a program to be reserved for recording, the program attribute information being ~~that is~~ used when a user of the another information processing apparatus selects the program to be reserved for recording; and

~~a transmitting step of, when the~~~~request is received by~~ ~~processing in the receiving step,~~ transmitting the program attribute information ~~including program attribute names and~~ ~~retrieval conditions for retrieving a program,~~ to the another information processing apparatus via the network ~~accepted by~~ ~~processing in the accepting step~~, the program attribute information including program attribute names and retrieval conditions for retrieving a program.

13. (Currently amended) A system for processing information~~program characterized by causing a computer for~~ ~~controlling an information processing apparatus to execute:~~, the system comprising:

a processor operable to execute instructions; and

instructions for causing the processor to execute an information processing method, the method including:

~~an accepting step of~~ accepting an access request from another information processing apparatus via a network;

~~a receiving step of~~ receiving, from the another information processing apparatus ~~for which the access is accepted by processing in the accepting step,~~ a transfer request for transfer of program attribute information concerning attributes of a program to be reserved for recording, the program attribute information being ~~that is~~ used when a user of the another information processing apparatus selects the program to be reserved for recording; and

~~a transmitting step of, when therequest is received by processing in the receiving step,~~ transmitting the program attribute information ~~including program attribute names and retrieval conditions for retrieving a program,~~ to the another information processing apparatus via the network ~~accepted by processing in the accepting step~~, the program attribute information including program attribute names and retrieval conditions for retrieving a program.

14. (new) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

presenting mechanism operable to present a plurality of program attribute names comprising program attribute information concerning attributes of a program;

accepting mechanism operable to accept a selection of the program attribute information by a user based on the presented program attribute names;

storing mechanism operable to store the accepted selection of program attribute information;

first acquiring mechanism operable to acquire broadcast program information concerning a program to be broadcast;

second acquiring mechanism operable to acquire retrieval conditions for retrieving a program comprising the stored program attribute information;

comparing mechanism operable to compare the acquired broadcast program information and the acquired retrieval conditions; and

reserving mechanism operable to reserve recording of a program that corresponds to the acquired broadcast program information, when the acquired broadcast program information satisfies the acquired retrieval conditions.

15. (new) An information processing apparatus, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

accepting mechanism operable to accept~~s~~ an access request from another information processing apparatus via a network;

receiving mechanism operable to ~~that~~receive~~es,~~ from the another information processing apparatus ~~for which the access request is accepted by the accepting means,~~ a transfer request for transfer of program attribute information concerning attributes of a program to be reserved for recording, ~~that~~ ~~is~~the program attribute information being used when a user of the another information processing apparatus selects the program to be reserved for recording; and

transmitting mechanism operable to ~~that, when the request is received by the receiving means,~~ transmit~~s~~ the program attribute information ~~including program attribute names and retrieval conditions for retrieving a program~~ to the another information processing apparatus via the network ~~accepted by the accepting means~~, the program attribute information including program attribute names and retrieval conditions for retrieving a program.